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Dear Josh:

Thank you for the copy of your forthcoming article in The Scientist. I'll wait until I have seen the seven interviews that are to accompany it before deciding whether to write a reply.

I am glad you take a strong position against manned space spectaculars in the article. I share your view. I assume you are aware that Carl and the other officers of the Planetary Society have come out in favor of a manned mission to Mars in the foreseeable future. I could hardly believe it at first. I have commented on it in a short letter to SCIENCE that should be published this month.

The book that quotes you to the effect that we have only studied two places on Mars is "Space--The Next Twenty-five Years" by Tom McDonough.

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